

## **First Baptist Church of Detroit**

Peoples Community Church

Address: 8601 Woodward

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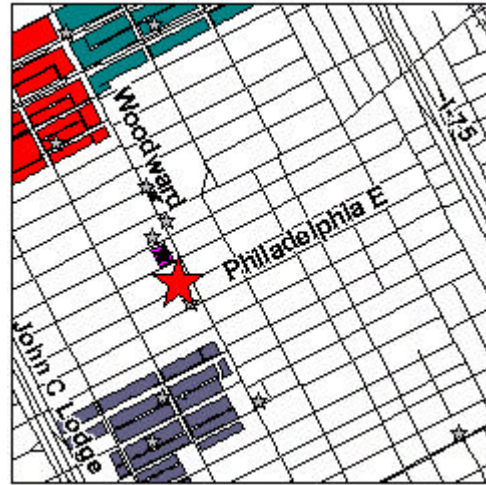
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### **Historic Overview:**

Guy J. Vinton designed this rock-faced, limestone Neo-Gothic church in 1910. Baptists from New York and New England founded the First Baptist Church of Detroit on October 20, 1827 under the leadership of Reverend Henry Davis. Their original church building was a frame structure built at Fort and Griswold Streets. This building was built as a result of members moving outward from the downtown area. In 1957, membership dwindled and the congregation sold the building to the Peoples Community Church. First Baptist Church moved to Southfield Michigan and built a new church building in 1965.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Information obtained from Michigan Historic Sites Online.